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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 8037

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, RP

SUBJECT: HERRERA CASE

REF: MANILA 7782

1. ON MAY 24, LT. EDUARDO MATILLANO WAIVED PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION SO HIS CASE PROCEEDS IMMEDIATELY TO COURT MARTIAL PHASE. AT SAME HEARING, MRS. HERRERA'S COUNSEL, SENATOR RODRIGO, ASKED AFP TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF FOUR MORE MILITARY PERSONNEL ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TORTURE. SECOND LINEUP TOOK PLACE MAY 21 AT WHICH TIME MRS. HERRERA IDENTIFIED LT. PRUDENCIO REGIS AND CONSTABLE PATERNO ORDONO WHOM SHE HAD EARLIER SEEN AT HER ARRAINGNMENT ON MARCH 28 (PARA 2, REFTEL).

2. RODRIGO TOLD THE COURT THAT HE WOULD PRODUCE WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT MRS. HERRERA'S CHARGES THAT SHE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO ELECTRIC SHOCKS AND CIGARETTE BURNS.

3. MAY 24 HEARING WAS GIVEN FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN PRESS AND ON TELEVISION MAY 24 AND 25. DAILY EXPRESS OF MAY 25 CARRIED PICTURES OF MRS. HERRERA AND LT. MATILLANO UNDER ITEM HEADLINED, "EX-DETAINEE IMPLICATES FOUR MORE PC MEN IN TORTURE RAP."

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4. SENATOR RODRIGO TOLD EMBOFF MAY 25 THAT MRS. HERRERA HAD BEEN IN A HEARING ALL MORNING. HE SAID PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS THAT MILITARY HAVE YET TO PRODUCE SOLDIER WHO ACTUALLY ASSISTED MATILLANO IN TORTURE. HE WAS NOT IN MAY 21 LINEUP. RODRIGO ALSO SAID THAT MRS. HERRA HAS BEEN CHARGED IN CIVIL COURT (COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE) ON COUNTS OF USING ALIAS AND FALSIFYING PUBLIC DOCUMENT

(HER RESIDENCE PERMIT). RODRIGO HAS SUCCEEDED IN GETTING BAIL FOR MRS. HERRERA ON THESE CHARGES AND HOPES ARRAINGMENT IN CIVIL COURT CAN BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER MILITARY TRIBUANAL CASE COMPLETED. RODRIGO PROMISED TO STAY IN TOUCH ON DEVELOPMENTS.

5. COMMENT: IT S HARD TO BELIEVE GOP CANNOT COME UP WITH NAME AND PERSON OF INDIVIDUAL WHO ALLEGEDLY ASSISTED MATILLANO. RESPONSIBLE MILITARY HIGHER UPS (WHO DISAPPROVE OF COURT MARTIAL OF MATILLANO) MAY BE SEEKING TO STONEWALL AND SANDBAG. STULL

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